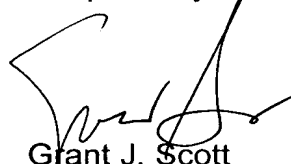


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REMARKS

In response to the Election Requirement of November 17, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Species I (FIG. 1) and Claims 1-9, 11-16, 31-42 and 44-45, which are readable on the embodiment of FIG. 1. Dependent Claim 10, which is directed to the invention of Species 2, FIG. 2, is hereby withdrawn pending allowance of a generic claim. Applicants agree that the patentability or unpatentability of the Species I invention would not necessarily imply the patentability or unpatentability of the Species II invention. Accordingly, Applicants are making this election without traverse.

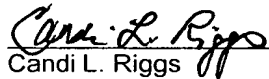
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